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EXPORT OF CASH CROPS

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of export and import of cash crops particularly, cashew nut and cashew kernels during 2006-07 and 2007-08, item-wise and country-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the export of cash crops and to modernise the industry by introducing new technology?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The Country-wise and year-wise details of exports and imports (Quantity and value wise) for various commodities including cash crops are available at the website of the Department of Commerce. However a statement on Country-wise exports and import of Cashew kernels and Cashew nuts respectively (Quantity and value-wise) for 2006-07 and 2007-08 (April, 07- Feb,08) is annexed.

(b) Department of Commerce through the relevant Export Promotion Councils and Commodity Boards has been operating Five Year Plan Scheme of the Govt. of India for extending assistance to concerned commodity exporters for modernizing their plant/ factories, for acquiring latest packaging facilities and for acquiring internationally accepted quality certification like ISO/HACCP etc. The implemented schemes have benefited in empowering the exporters to improve their productivity, quality standards and preparedness to face the emerging challenges in the international marketing. The Councils and Boards also undertake various export promotion programmes like participation in International food fairs, International conventions & Seminars, sponsoring trade delegations, market surveys, disseminating trade enquiries, market information, publishing statistics, journals, etc., organising Buyer Seller Meets and implementing various schemes like Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme, Market Assistance Initiative (MAI) Scheme, and ASIDE for assisting exporters.